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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 21, 2004

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of April 21, 2004, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until July 21, 2004.

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to the expiration of the three month shortened statutory period for response, whereby an extension of time should not be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application. However, if any extensions of time are required to maintain the pendency of this application, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant amendment, with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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